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First Digital State
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala has been declared as the first digital State in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of other States as well in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) In a function held on 27.02.2016 the Hon'ble President of India dedicated Kerala as digital State and under Digital India programme all Gram Panchayats of Kerala have been provided broadband connectivity.
(c) & (d) The Department of Electronics and Information Technology(DeitY), Government of India and the National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) have collaborated in conducting surveys on e-Readiness of states/UTs and in bringing out e-Readiness assessment reports, since 2003, to review the performance of States/UTs in terms of e-Readiness. Till date, a total of six e-Readiness assessments have been conducted. The focus of these assessments has been to evaluate the ability of the States/ Union Territories (UTs) government to pursue value creation opportunities and accompanying inclusive economic development facilitated by Information and Communication Technology (ICT).